

Immunization Registry Progress in Connecticut

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Immunization Coverage in Connecticut

According to National Immunization Survey (NIS) data for July 1998 to June 1999, the percentage of children 19-35 months of age who were up-to-date with 4 doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, 3 doses of poliomyelitis, and 1 dose of measles, mumps, rubella vaccine was 88%.

Facts about Connecticut Immunization Registry and Tracking System (CIRTS)

- CIRTS collects and manages immunization data for the entire state of Connecticut.
- The targeted age group for CIRTS is birth through 2 years of age.
- Currently, entities linking with the registry include:
 - Vital Records Department;
 - Medicaid Management Information System; and
 - Managed Care Organizations.
- As of June 21, 1999:
 - 7% of children less than 6 years old were enrolled in the registry; and
 - 100% of all providers were enrolled in the registry.

Other registry plans, accomplishments, and successes

CIRTS currently follows all children enrolled in medical managed care programs. Approximately 65,000 of Connecticut's children currently are enrolled. In addition, the design of the new immunization registry software is nearly complete, with rollout anticipated during in the third quarter of 2000. This new software will provide on-line registry capacity for all medical providers who administer immunizations in Connecticut.

Current political or legislative factors affecting registry activity

In 1994, the Connecticut state legislature passed legislation authorizing the Connecticut Commissioner of Public Health to establish a statewide registry (Public Act 94-90). Regulations relating to this legislation currently are being developed/adopted.

Current registry funding

- CIRTS currently is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Connecticut, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Aetna Foundation, and four Medicaid managed care plans.
- The financial outlook for the registry has improved due to additional new state funding for CIRTS-related activity, which was included in the Governor's 1999-2000 budget. The Governor always has been supportive of the Immunization Program, including the registry. Assuming federal funding remains constant, the resources necessary to support CIRTS appear to be adequate.

Helpful immunization and immunization registry contacts in Connecticut

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